

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPALBENCH**

(By Video Conferencing)

Original Application No.445/2022

Surjeet Singh

....Applicant

Versus

State of Himachal Pradesh

...Respondent

Date of hearing: 25.07.2022

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. AFROZ AHMAD, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant: None.

Application is registered based on a Letter Petition received by Post.

ORDER

1. Mr. Surjeet Singh has filed the present letter petition, which has been treated and registered as original application, complaining about illegal cutting/uprooting of thousands of Khair trees from the Rail Beat area mentioned in the letter petition falling in Dada Seeba Forest range, District Kangra, Himachal Pradesh and transportation of the same to other States for sale causing loss of crores of rupees to the State exchequer by the persons named in the letter petition.

2. We have gone through the application. In view of averments made we are of the view that the factual position needs to be verified and remedial action is required to be taken on the basis thereof by the concerned Statutory Authorities. Accordingly, we constitute a Joint Committee comprising of Representative of MoEF & CC, Shimla, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Himachal Pradesh, State PCB and Deputy Commissioner, Kangra. The Joint Committee shall meet within

four weeks, undertake site visits, look into the grievances of the applicant, verify the factual position and take requisite remedial action by following due process of law. State PCB will be the Nodal agency for coordination and compliance.

3. Factual and action taken report, which may include details regarding complaints made alleging illegal cutting of trees and action taken by the concerned authorities including Forest and Police Officers on the same, may be furnished within two months by e-mail at judicial-ngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/OCR Supported PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.

4. List the matter for further consideration on 17.10.2022.

5. A copy of this order, along with a copy of application and documents attached with the same, be forwarded to MoEF & CC, Shimla, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Himachal Pradesh, State PCB and Deputy Commissioner, Kangra by e-mail for requisite compliance.

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

July 25, 2022
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